



SANTA CRUZ POLICE DEPARTMENT
155 Center Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060

MEDIA RELEASE



DATE/TIME: December 14, 2017

LOCATION: 100 Block Of Encinal Street

TOPIC: Traffic Fatality On Encinal Street

CASE NUMBER: 17S-010000

INFORMATION:

Santa Cruz Police Investigate Traffic Fatality

SANTA CRUZ - On Thursday, December 14, at 7:37 A.M. Officers from the Santa Cruz Police Department responded to a report of a person lying in the roadway on Encinal Street. Upon arrival, Officers located a male victim who was deceased in the 100 block of Encinal Street. An initial investigation determined that the deceased had possibly been a pedestrian and the victim of a hit and run traffic collision.

The Santa Cruz Police Department conducted an exhaustive investigation, following up on leads and reviewing of footage from various security cameras in the area. During the course of the investigation, Detectives were able to identify the vehicle and driver involved.

Recovered surveillance video showed a large industrial sized truck struck the pedestrian. Detectives in quick order located the driver and vehicle. In a statement to police, the driver was unaware the incident occurred. The driver was fully cooperative with investigators. The driver was not arrested or cited. The involved vehicle was seized and processed as evidence.

The cause of the collision is still under investigation.

The identity of the victim will be withheld until proper notification of next of kin is complete.

Anyone who may have witnessed this incident or has any information is asked to contact the Santa Cruz Police Department Investigations section at 831-420-5820 or leave a message with our anonymous tip-line 831-420-5995. Tips can also be left through the means listed below.

For additional information, contact: Joyce Blaschke

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Anonymous tips can also be sent to the police department through our Tip Line (831) 420-5995, or from our Website; www.santacruzpolice.com . Tipsters can also submit an anonymous tip via our smartphone app or from an SMS text. Visit our Website for instructions.